

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image pickup device comprising:  
an image pickup unit configured to pick up an  
image of an object;

5       an image storage unit configured to store the  
image which is picked up by the image pickup unit;  
a connection unit connectable to the network;  
an address storage unit configured to store an  
address on the network;

10       an information obtaining unit configured to obtain  
information on the network based on the address stored  
in the address storage unit; and

an adding unit configured to add the information  
obtained by the information obtaining unit to the image  
15 stored in the image storage unit.

2. An image pickup device according to claim 1,  
further comprising a setting unit configured to set a  
time interval at which the information obtaining unit  
obtains the information on the network based on the  
20 address stored in the address storage unit.

3. An image pickup device according to claim 1,  
wherein the address storage unit stores a plurality of  
addresses and the information obtaining unit obtains  
the information on the network based on the addresses  
25 stored in the address storage unit.

4. An image pickup device according to claim 1,  
further comprising a browser file creating unit

configured to create a file having the image stored in the image storage unit and the information added to the image in a format which can be browsed by a terminal accommodating a browser software.

5           5. An image pickup device according to claim 2, further comprising a browser file creating unit configured to create a file having the image stored in the image storage unit and the information added to the image in a format which can be browsed by a terminal  
10 accommodating a browser software.

          6. An image pickup device according to claim 3, further comprising a browser file creating unit configured to create a file having the image stored in the image storage unit and the information added to the  
15 image in a format which can be browsed by a terminal accommodating a browser software.

          7. An image recording method comprising:

          reading an address on a network which is stored in an image pickup device;

20           connecting the image pickup device to a site designated by the read address through the network;

          obtaining information from the site through the network; and

          adding the obtained information to a picked up  
25 image when the image pickup device stores the image.

          8. An image recording method according to claim 7, wherein the obtaining comprising cyclically

obtaining the information with a predetermined time interval.

9. An image recording method according to claim 8, wherein the predetermined time interval is  
5 determined for each information to be obtained based on a content of the information.

10. An image recording method according to claim 7, further comprising creating a file having the image and the added information in a format which can  
10 be browsed by a terminal accommodating a browser software.

11. An image recording method according to claim 8, further comprising creating a file having the image and the added information in a format which can  
15 be browsed by a terminal accommodating a browser software.

12. An image recording method according to claim 9, further comprising creating a file having the image and the added information in a format which can  
20 be browsed by a terminal accommodating a browser software.

13. An image recording system comprising:

an image recording unit connectable to a network and configured to record image data of an object; and

25 a server unit configured to provide information through the network,

wherein the image recording unit adds the

information obtained from the server unit through the network to the image data when the image recording unit records the image data.

14. An image recording system according to  
5 claim 13, wherein the image recording unit cyclically obtains the information from the server unit with a predetermined time interval.

15. An image recording system according to  
10 claim 14, wherein the predetermined time interval is determined for each information to be obtained based on a content of the information.

16. An image recording system comprising:  
an image recording unit configured to record image data of an object;

15 a server unit configured to provide information through the network; and

a network access unit connected to the image recording unit and configured to be connected to the server unit through the network, obtain the information  
20 from the server through the network, and transfer the obtained information to the image recording unit, wherein the image recording unit records the transferred information in association with recorded image data.

25 17. An image recording system according to claim 16, wherein the image recording unit records the transferred information in association with recorded

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image data based on an obtaining date of the transferred information and a pick-up date of the recorded image data.

5       18. An image recording system according to claim 17, wherein the image recording unit records such information in association with recorded image data that has the obtaining date same as the pick-up date of the recorded image data

10       19. An image recording system according to claim 16, wherein the image recording unit outputs the recorded image data and obtained information in a form allowing to be printed out all at once.

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